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1. Amendment Under §1.312(a);
2. Petition to Accept Color Photographs as Drawings Under 37 CFR §1.84(b);
3. Three (3) sets of color photographs and one (1) set of black and white photographs of Figures 6A and 6B;
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**PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS
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Sir:

Petition is hereby made to accept color photographs for Figures 6A and 6B in connection with the above-identified application. Three (3) sets of color photographs and one (1) set of black and white photographs of Figures 6A and 6B are submitted herein.

Applicants respectfully request that the color photographs of Figures 6A and 6B be accepted as drawings in this application. Color drawings are the only practical medium by which to disclose the biological effect of the subject matter of the patent. Figure 6A and 6B are stained cytology samples showing the cell distribution using the device and method of the present invention versus the conventional Pap smear. Such

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details are only provided in color and would be lacking in a black and white photograph.

Applicants are filing concurrently herein an Amendment Under §1.312(a) to amend the specification to recite, "The patent file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee".

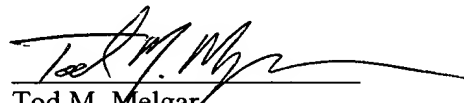
Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee required according to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). Any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2629-4016US. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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